

## WAR NEWS.

## Prussian Accounts of Victory.

**RETREAT OF THE FRENCH.**  
BERLIN, Aug. 7.—The following official dispatches have been received here:  
MAYENCE, Aug. 6, 6:10 P. M.—The French have turned back on their entire line and commenced to retreat towards the interior of France. The French had commenced to advance from Saarbrück, which they had held since the famous battle of three divisions of French against three companies of Prussians, but, having to fall back, they burned that rich and unprotected town, and in withdrawing, spread the conflagration by throwing hot shot into it.

BERLIN, Aug. 6, via LONDON, 1:30 P. M., Aug. 7.—The French Emperor has withdrawn his entire line and is concentrating his troops for the defense of Paris. His losses have been enormous. The Prussians overtook the retreating French forces early Saturday morning west of Saarbrück, near the Spierheren hills. Gen. Kamers commanded the attack, supported by Gens. Barnakow and Stumffingel. Gen. Von Goeben ultimately assumed command.

The action was severe. A position at which the French endeavored to make a stand during their retreat was carried by the Prussians at the point of the bayonet. The battle is known as that of Haguenau.

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—King William sent the following dispatch to the Queen:

"Good news. A great victory has been won by our Fritz. God be praised for his mercy. We captured four thousand prisoners, thirty guns, two standards, and six mitrailleurs. McMahon during the fight was heavily reinforced from the main army. The contest was very severe and lasted from 11 o'clock in the morning until 9 at night, when the French retreated, leaving the field to us. Our losses are heavy."

MAYENCE, August 7.—Prince Frederick Charles is at Bieskastel, and Gen. Stielenmetz is between Sulzbach and Saarbrück. The general headquarters of the army is now at Kaiser Lautern.

PARIS, August 7.—The *Journal Officiel*, in its second edition of today, publishes the following proclamation:

FRENCHMEN: Up to this hour we have given without reserve all certain news which we have received, and we continue to do so. Last night we received the following dispatches:

"METZ, August 6—Midnight.—Marshal McMahon has lost a battle. Gen. Frossard on the Saar, has been obliged to retire. His retreat was effected in good order. All can be re-established."

"METZ, August 7—3:30 A. M.—My communications have been interrupted with Marshal McMahon. I am going to place myself in the center of the position."

"NAPOLÉON."

PARIS, August 7.—The *Journal Officiel* says the defense of Paris is assured. It would require an army of half a million to invest its fortifications, while thirty thousand men would suffice to defend them; and there are troops enough now around and in the city to furnish the necessary garrison. Then, with the sailors from the fleet, which could be procured, the Garde Nationale, the Garde Municipale, and the firemen, would make up a solid army of 100,000 men. Paris is free from danger.

The *La Liberté* says a hundred thousand Italians will be fighting with France in a few days, under a treaty offensive and defensive.

The same paper says a special train left the station at 5:30 this evening, to bring back the Prince Imperial.

PARIS, August 7.—The Empress has issued the following proclamation:

FRENCHMEN: The opening of the war has not been favorable to us. We have suffered a check. Let us turn under this reverse, and let us hasten to repair. Let there be but one party in the land—that of France; a single play—that of national honor. I come among you faithful to my mission and duty. You will see me first in danger to defend the flag of France. I adjure all good citizens to maintain order. To agitate would be to conspire with the enemy.

Done at the Palace of the Tuilleries, August 7. EUGENIE, Empress Regent.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE OF WEISSENBURG.

The King on his arrival at Mayence, called a council of war, and urged that the sooner the existing situation ceased the better, and pressed an advance. His opinion was adopted, and orders were telegraphed to attack the French outposts in the neighborhood of Landau and Weissenburg. A Prussian force composed of two line regiments, one regiment of Bavarian troops and some artillery, altogether about nine thousand strong, drove the French before them into Weissenburg. The artillery was then brought up and opened on the fortifications of the town. The town soon caught fire, and seeing this caused some confusion among the French troops the Prussians could no longer be restrained by their officers, who were anxious to reduce the town by cannonade. The soldiers rushed forward with the bayonet, and surprised the French who were not expecting an infantry attack for hours to come, and were barricading and entrenching. The Prussians lost heavily but took 800 prisoners.

The greatest enthusiasm prevails here, and there is an immense crowd about the palace waiting to cheer the King.

The same correspondent writes from Mayence Friday midnight: Half the prisoners taken at Weissenburg were first marched from the citadel to the railroad. They put a good face on the matter, and showed true French gaiety. The large crowd received them very well, throwing packages of tobacco and cigars to their beaten foes. The soldiers all belonged to the 7th regiment of the line. The officers were allowed to retain their swords and will be paroled on reaching Munich.

WHAT THE FRENCH SOLDIER CARRIES.  
The result is, that though the foot soldier has a much lighter weapon in the Chassepot than in the old muzzle-loader, he still has to carry on his back and shoulders a weight of about seventy pounds French, that is, upwards of one third of the regulation weight carried by a sumner mule; one of these Voltigeurs, whom I treated to a glass of beer, supplied me with details of his "pack." First, there is the Chassepot, seven and a half pounds; the sword, bayonet, and scabbard, three pounds; ten pounds of ammunition, distributed partly in two pouches and partly in his knapsack; a pair of shoes; a four-pound loaf of bread; a canvas bag slung over the left shoulder, and containing any creature comforts the man may have procured; it was

empty in many cases, but my friend carried in it a pound of tobacco, some cigars a flask of brandy, a good-sized veal and ham pie, and a string of *carottes à l'ail*. Over the knapsack—first, a great coat, secondly, a blanket; thirdly, his share of the canvas for the *tente d'abri*, and sticks for the same; and fourthly, a huge camp kettle. Inside the knapsack he had a second pair of trousers, combs, brushes, needles, thread, buttons, a pair of gloves, a couple of pairs of socks, and three shirts; in addition, a flask capable of containing about a quart of liquid is slung over the right shoulder.

## KING WILLIAM'S PROCLAMATION.

From the *St. Louis Dispatch*.

I am compelled to draw the sword to ward off a wanton attack, with all the forces at Germany's disposal. It is a great consolation to me before God and man that I have in no way given a pretext for it. My conscience acquits me of having provoked this war, and I am certain of the righteousness of our cause in the sight of God. The struggle before us is serious, and it will demand heavy sacrifices from my people and from all Germany. But I go forth to it looking to the omniscient God, and imploring His Almighty support. I have already cause to thank God that on the first news of the war one only feeling animated all German hearts and proclaimed aloud the indignation felt at the attack, and the joyful confidence that God will bestow victory on the righteous cause. My people will also stand by me in this struggle as they stood by my father, who now rests with God. They will, with me, make all sacrifices to conquer peace again for the nations. From my youth upwards I have learnt to believe that all depends upon the help of a gracious God. In Him is my trust, and I beg my people to rest in the same assurance. I bow myself before God; acknowledgement of His mercy, and I am sure that my subjects and fellow-countrymen do so with me. Therefore, I declare that Wednesday, July 27, shall be set apart for an extraordinary solemn day of prayer, and Divine service in all our churches, with abstention from all public occupations and labor so far as may comport with the pressing necessities of this time. I also direct that while the war lasts prayers shall be offered in all Divine services that in this struggle God may lead us to victory; that He may give us grace to bear ourselves as Christian men, even unto our enemies, and that it may please Him to allow us to obtain a lasting peace, founded on the honor and independence of Germany.

[Signed] WILLIAM.

Berlin, July 27. VON MÜLLER.

PARIS, August 13.—Volunteers are coming forward in large numbers.

Orders have been issued calling the full Garde Mobile into service.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the Departments of Bouche du Rhine.

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shade trees. Offered at a bargain for cash.

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located, near the University, about one mile from

Knoxville Postoffice.

No. 518—Exceedingly comfortable and desirable resi-

dence, with 10 acres of finely improved ground, on turn-

pike, two miles from Knoxville.

No. 535—Large and well finished house in East Knox-

ville, with finely improved lot. Location very good.

30 LOTS in East Knoxville, ranging from 1/2 to 5/8

in price.

No. 428—Three adjoining lots, with large house, sta-

ble, etc., on Depot street, for sale or exchange for a

farm.

No. 402—Suburban residence one and a half miles

from Knoxville Postoffice. 20 acres of good land and

comfortable buildings, excellent water, desirable loca-

tion.

No. 411—Forty desirable lots in Fairview, near the

residence of G. M. Deane, Esq., convenient to the De-

pot and Main street, well improved ground, and in a

rapidly improving neighborhood.

No. 434—House and well improved grounds of 8 acres

beautifully located on Turnpike road, and on an ele-

vated overlooking the city, and affording a fine view

and a cool breeze all through the summer.

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heart of the city, on one of our best streets.

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No. 531—674 acres in two tracts, lying near together

but not joining. Two good water powers, both

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Cutting Machine. Some very valuable farming land.

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ville, and only \$7,500. Some time allowed on part pay-

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No. 539—30 acres of rich, well lying land, nearly all

in heavy timber, with a very fine creek, 1/2 mile from

a mile from Lenoir's Station, on the East Tennessee, Vir-

ginia and Georgia Railroad, 20 acres in cultivation,

good buildings, and a quantity of fruit trees.

No. 102—75 acres of land, with good timber and wa-

ter. 20 acres in cultivation, and good soil. 12 miles

from Knoxville. Small house and stable. Some fruit.

Price \$700.

No. 540—Tract of 150 acres, 3 miles from Knoxville.

Good soil, water and location. This tract will be in-

teresting to suit purchasers in trade from ten to sixty

acres, and at from \$20 to \$50 per acre, according to loca-

tion. (on good road, and near a railroad station. Land

lies well, and is much of it wooded again.

No. 442—Thirty-five lots in the Railroad addition to

Knoxville, ranging from 5x100 to 50x200 in size, and

from \$200 to \$500 in price. The location of these lots

central, elevated and in a good and fast improving

neighborhood, makes them very desirable. These lots

will be sold, and are offered at prices which make it an

investment to buy.

For Rent:

A small but neat house of five rooms with porch, good

water and well, 2 acres of ground, one mile from the

city, on good road. Rent, \$10 per month, with use of

ground for garden.

Fifty to 60 acres of open land near Knoxville, most of

it set in grass, good water. Will be rented for a term

of years.

Store House—The building lately occupied as the

Knoxville Postoffice. Three-story building, conven-

iently arranged and in good order.

For Sale or Rent:

The steam mill property, large and convenient build-

ing, powerful engine, admirable location on Railroad

and Turnpike road. Building and machinery in per-

fect order. Large lot.

Farm Property:

No. 515—Farm of 400 acres on Hine's Creek, six miles

from Clinton, 100 acres creek bottom land, all well cul-

tivated for meadow land, 12 acres now in first-class meadow

abundant supply of water and timber, a number of in-

divisibly good buildings.

No. 510—A 24 acre homestead, log house and stables,

12 acres in cultivation, good fruit trees, spring and

branch through the land, near Turnpike road, schools

and churches. Price \$500.

No. 524—A choice farm of 350 acres near Concord.

The best of upland soil, good timber and water and de-

sirable location.

No. 419—A choice farm of 150 acres, strong soil, 50 acres

in cultivation, timber very heavy and valuable.

No. 375—Farm of 171 acres in Blount county, very

good soil and location, with a valuable water power

six miles from Railroad. Price \$4,700.

No. 445—Farm of 100 acres, 2 miles from Concord, 100

acres in cultivation, good water and timber. Price,

\$3,500.

No. 400—A farm of 100 acres, 4 miles from Knoxville,

on a very pleasant road. The well known plot known as

"Lyon's View" is on this farm and furnishes a very

fine building site. 25 acres in cultivation of very rich

land, some 8 acres river bottom land.

No. 532—Farm of 400 acres, near Coal Creek. A bar-

gain.

No. 531—Farm of 400 acres of strong soil. Abundant

supply of good water and timber.

100 Acres in Cumberland county. Plateau land.

15,000 Acres in Morgan county.

For Sale.

LOTS OF FROM 12 TO 35 ACRES, rich, level land, TWO

MILES FROM KNOXVILLE.

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